

News



Views

November 2, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 pm Traditional Worship

Monday, November 7

12 pm Al Anon
6:30 pm El Salvador Interest Mtg.

Tuesday, November 8

6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.

Wednesday, November 9

10:30 am Circle Mary
6 pm Jonah Study Group
7 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 10

6 pm Worship Band

Friday, November 11

6-9 pm True Colors Inventory

Saturday, November 12

9 am - 12 pm True Colors
Extended Session
12-2 pm Elders Retreat
7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 13

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 pm Traditional Worship
12:30 pm Worship Planning Team
Interfaith Guests Arrive
4-5:30 pm K'Motion & The Vibe

Recent Attendance

8:45	11:00
10/30/11	59 77

Upcoming Opportunities



Holiday Bazaar — This Saturday!

November 5, 9:30 am to 3 pm
Salad Lunch Beginning at 11 am



True Colors Inventory

6 - 9 pm, Friday, November 11
9 am - 12 Noon, Saturday, November 12
Reservations will be in the bulletins on Sunday.
Workshop is free of charge!



Thanksgiving Baskets For Guardian ad Litem Families

Dedicated in worship and packed on November 20.



Operation Christmas Child

Dedicated in worship on November 20.



A Night of Thanks

7 pm, Tuesday, November 22
6:45 pm Coffee, juice and holiday breads in the
welcome area

See inside for more information about these opportunities.

Notices and Reminders

Worship Focus for Sunday is *All Saints Sunday*; Psalm 78:1-8, Philippians 1:3-11.



Lectionary Readings to use in your daily practice of prayer and scripture.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7
I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Pray for Our Missionaries

Kristine Tisinger serving in South Africa.



Dr. Perry will be out of the office on Monday, November 7, attending a Pastor's Group.

Interest Meeting for El Salvador 2012

There are two opportunities to find out more about our next trip to El Salvador. **Come out and hear about it at 6:30 pm on either Monday, November 7, or Wednesday, November 16, in Room 6.** We are looking forward to a trip in November 2012. The exact dates have not been set at this time. We will be doing a medical mission and need both medical and non-medical volunteers. There is a job for everybody!! We are in conversation with Hillyer Memorial Christian Church in Raleigh, Central Christian Church in Lebanon, Indiana, and First Christian Church in Topeka, Kansas. Each of these congregations has expressed an interest in forming a partnership with us for this mission trip. Come to one of the interest meetings and find out what all the excitement is about. If you have any questions you may contact Lance Perry or Kenny Morris, Jr.



Mark Your Calendar

Our Interfaith guests will be here again November 13-20. Consider how you can help and watch for the sign up board in the welcome area.

A Word from Lance, cont'd

there are people in our lives and people in our church who are genuinely seeking to be faithful to Christ. Not perfect, but their behavior is recognizable. You can hear their faith in their prayers and laughter. You can see their faith when they visit the hospital and the nursing home. You can smell their faith when they cook their signature dish for someone who is struggling with grief or a sick loved one or when they bring it to a church dinner. You can feel their faith when they shake your hand or give you a hug. When you look around your life at the people you know, and you start looking for God, you can discern it deep within – God is at work in and through God's people. There are saints among us – living saints. Take a look. See it. And thank God.

Regional Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to those who have chosen to participate in "Disciples Growing in Faith and Ministry the Capital Campaign of the Christian Church in North Carolina. Your gifts will help support Camp Caroline, new church starts as well as higher education and overseas ministry. Next Sunday, November 6, commitment cards will be in the pews again for those who have not yet had a chance to participate. If you have not yet filled out a card please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Remember no gift is too small and all gifts make a difference.

Who, what, where, when?



Thanksgiving Baskets For Guardian ad Litem Families

First Christian once again has the opportunity to share God's blessings with Guardian ad Litem families. **Please bring canned goods**—particularly those associated with the traditional Thanksgiving meal—and put them in the basket in the welcome area. You may also choose to help with a **monetary donation** to purchase the turkeys and other perishable foods. A "Turkey Box" is on the table in the welcome area for these donations. Please make your check out to First Christian Church and note that it is for Turkey Baskets.

The Guardian ad Litem program trains volunteers to be advocates for abused and/or neglected children in the courts. These volunteers will deliver the Thanksgiving baskets to the families they serve.



Operation Christmas Child

is a program of Samaritan's Purse which provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. **Boxes are available in the welcome area** along with a brochure with gift ideas and a list of items not to be included. Labels for the boxes (indicating age and gender) are on the back of the brochure. Please read the instructions for packing. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Emmart at 791-1713.

Thanksgiving Baskets and Operation Christmas Child boxes will be dedicated Sunday, November 20.



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 5

9:30 am - 3 pm

Salad Lunch Beginning at 11 am
Proceeds Benefit Local Outreach

Volunteers are needed the day of the sale.
Call Ann Boston.

It's Not Too Late to Buy Quilt Raffle Tickets

If you are interested in buying or selling tickets please contact Ann Boston or Ellie Duckett.

Pecans Are Here!

The supplier of our pecans has increased their price by \$2.00 per bag but we are only going to increase our price by \$1.00 to \$11.00 per bag. **Pecans will be available at the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday.**



True Colors Inventory

6 - 9 pm, Friday, November 11

9 am - 12 Noon, Sat., November 12

Led by Rev. Santes Beatty, High School and Faith Formation Pastor at Kentwood Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. While in North Carolina, Santes was on staff at Guilford College and then moved into congregational ministry. Santes has led the True Colors Inventory for the Christian Church in NC several times and twice with our elders.

Bring canned fruit in November for the Food Pantry.



Put it in the Little Red Wagon.

Please do not bring items that have expired or are close to their expiration date. Thank you.

More who, what, where, when?

Worship Update

Interesting work is underway in the Worship Department! As a matter of background, when we started the Turning Point Service three years ago, we put together a worship planning team specifically to design and manage the roll-out of that service and that group operated fairly independent of the Worship Department. In addition, it was also evident that the way the Worship Department was configured it was hard to continuously focus on all three of the key areas of responsibility of that department (worship, sacred space, music).

With prayerful thought and input from members of the congregation, it was determined that the time was right to do some consolidation of the worship planning process and at the same time structure the Worship Department in such a way to bring focus on the three key areas of responsibility – Worship Planning, Sacred Space and Music. To do this we are trying a plan to consolidate worship planning for both services, and to establish three dedicated teams working in concert within the Worship Department to focus on worship planning, sacred space and music. Leading the Worship Planning Team is Patsy Emmart, leading the Sacred Space Team is Becky Shipton and the Music Team is led by Harry Griffin. These teams work in concert with each other to fulfill the duties of the Worship Department and at times the teams work independently. The structure provides for a clear point of contact, a clear focus for decisions and an integrated approach to the total worship experience at First Christian Church.

This structure welcomes any member of the congregation to work in any or all of these areas associated with worship planning. It is desirable and customary for people to work

in a number of these areas as the need arises.

Experience this year has been very good so far. If you are interested, the next working meeting of the Worship Planning Team is November 13, at 12:30 (following worship). Look for an announcement on the next meeting of the integrated Worship Department meeting.

Charlie Vaughan
Worship Department Chair

Alternative Gift Market at Bazaar

At this year's Holiday Bazaar, you will have the opportunity to purchase a gift in the form of a donation to WARM and/or the Pretty In Pink Foundation. Each of these agencies will have a table at the Bazaar with information and will be accepting donations. **Volunteers are also needed to help at these tables.** If you want to volunteer or have any questions please contact Chris Furr at 392-0593 or dfurr1@ec.rr.com.

WARM – the **Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry** makes repairs and improvements to improve the safety and livability of homes of the elderly and the impoverished in New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender counties. It is a non-profit agency which is dependent on volunteers and donations from area churches and grants to accomplish its mission.

Pretty In Pink Foundation – a national non-profit agency that provides support for women with cancer, especially breast cancer, and is relatively new to our area. The work of this foundation was of great interest to Kim Sibbach and she was looking forward to becoming one of their volunteers.

More who, what, where, when?



If You See Any of These Folks, Wish Them A Happy Birthday!

Take a few minutes to share your best wishes with the members of our church family who have birthdays this month.

Morgan Adam	Andrew Koester
Raechyl Anderson	Sue Morris
Roy Archibald	Kenny Morris, Sr.
Linda Bagnal	Jewel Neeley
Janet Bryan	Jim Pettigrew
David Coleman	Ann Respress
Brian Ensign	Anna Romanus
Sherry Gardner	Joseph Sanders
Rebecca Hall	Brad Taylor
George Hickman	Vivian Vaughan
Jill Howell	Jeff Wierse
Libby Huband	Jeannette Wolfe
Bruce Johnson	Jamie Wrede
Greg Kennedy	Lisa Wrede

If we missed anyone, we are truly sorry. Please let someone on the Membership Team know, and you will be added to the birthday list.



Church Workday Saturday, November 19 8 am to 12 Noon

A Church workday is planned for November 19, from 8 am until 12 noon. If you are able to assist please bring potato rakes or cultivators, spading forks, shovels, wheelbarrows and other tools which can help to get the weeds and grass out of the playground mulch areas. Please plan to come and help out. Thanks.

— Alan Anderson, Property Chair



Congratulations to Michael and Susan Shipton McKenney

upon the birth of their daughter, Haleigh Elizabeth McKenney, born on October 26, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18½ inches long.

WARM Project Set for Saturday, December 3

First Christian Church has been asked to volunteer with WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry) on Saturday, December 3. While we will not have specific jobs assigned until we confirm our number of volunteers, we can expect to help finish several projects – paint, install storm doors, put down vinyl flooring, etc. WARM requires that each volunteer complete a Volunteer Bio form. Chris Furr has copies or you can print one from the WARM web site, www.warmnc.org. If you would like to volunteer on December 3, please call (392-0593), email (dfurr1@ec.rr.com), or tell Chris Furr in person by Sunday, November 20! There will be a job for everyone regardless of skill level!

A Fabulous Festival

The 2011 Fall Festival was a wonderful event for our community. Children and their families enjoyed the games, food, hayride and the hospitality of all who helped. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the set up and clean up, running the games, decorating a trunk, baking for the cake walk, and donating prizes. Thanks also to Robbin Capps, Courtney Hickman, and Linda Reinger for all your work planning and organizing the event. It was a success thanks to you!

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

Helen Dunn, Rosa Gaylord, Foye Marshburn, Betty Nash, Dick Oosterwyk, Betty Snook, Jeanette Wolfe

Our Sympathy To

- Phyllis Powell, Linda Powell Reinger, Kim Powell Pierce, Frankie Powell and their families upon the death on Sunday of her mother-in-law/grandmother, Emma Gray Powell

Church Family

- Sara Brown, scheduled for a procedure to help with the numbness in her hands and legs
- Betty Davis, being treated for depression
- Ellie Duckett, continuing chemotherapy treatment
- Doris Eakes, facing surgery to remove malignant tumor in pancreas
- Allan Huband, receiving treatment for cancer
- Ned Lavengood, at Silver Stream for physical rehab
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Dick Oosterwyk, facing kidney stone surgery
- Diana Wierse, continuing physical therapy on her knee

Friends and Family

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- Daniel Boyd, Tena Perry's nephew, deployed to Afghanistan
- Kevin Frawley, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Mildred Hickman, Sherry Hickman's mother-in-law, continued difficulty adjusting to living at Champions
- Daniel Kennedy, Greg Kennedy's father, dementia has progressed causing additional issues and concerns
- Aaron Martin, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with liver cancer
- Joe Martin, Bruce & Sherry Johnson's friend, throat cancer
- Linda Maynard, Tammy Connell's mother, recovering at home from heart attack
- Peggy Pridgen, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, stage 4 lung cancer
- Ella Sue Stanton, mother of Libby Stanton, hospitalized with esophagus problems, undergoing tests
- Elsie Stocks, Dava Bright's mother, health issues
- Callie Watkins, Mable Cooke's sister, recovering at home from a stroke
- Kathy Wirkus, Alicia Luce's sister, undergoing additional chemotherapy
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- Natural disaster victims around the world

Serving November 6

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Sue Morris, Ellie Duckett

Home-Bound Communion: Duane Luse, John May, Myrtle Sanders

Deacons

Faye Hodges (captain), Julie Furr, Charles Manning, Bryan Young Hickman, Courtney Young Hickman

Communion Prep

Robbin Capps, Bryan & Courtney Young Hickman

Children Worship & Wonder

Nov 6 Tena Perry & Kelly Ensign

Nov 13 Glenn Brigman & Ron Gore

Turning Point Kids

Nov 6 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam

Nov 13 Andy & Nancy Black

Minister On-Call Schedule

Nov 4-5 Dr. Perry

Nov 11-12 Rev. González

Greeters

8:45 Nov 6 Steve & Dava Bright

Nov 13 Ralph G., Ron G., David Sharratt

11:00 Nov 6 Kenny & Sue Morris

Nov 13 Allan Huband

Lay Reader

Nov 6 Ned Lavengood

Nov 13 Nancy Manning

Sunday Door Lock-up

Nov 6 Duane & Alicia Luse

Nov 13 Kenny & Vicki Morris

Budget Update

Budget through 10/30/11 \$123,332.22

Income 109,376.26

Income Short of Budget \$13,955.96

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A Word From Lance

Do you know anyone who is a saint? I guess it depends on our definition. In preparation for All Saints Sunday on November 6, I've been thinking about it. Sometimes a person gets identified as a saint after they are gone. People look back on their life, what they did for others, and the influence they had on Christianity. At the time of their living, they may have been seen as a radical, over-pious, an activist, or just a "weirdo." But in hindsight, when their prophetic words or lifestyle is not as threatening they are seen as people who were genuinely seeking to be faithful to Christ and because of them the message of Christ was proclaimed.

I don't think I can tell who is a saint today, maybe none of us can, but I do believe there is saintly behavior going on. I do believe that

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